

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

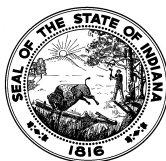
October 30, 2003
Fort Harrison State Park
Indianapolis, Indiana

"No matter where I am in Indiana, the natural beauty of this state keeps me grounded, and lets me know I'm home. We need to protect this land -- leave it better than we found it -- for our children, and their children."

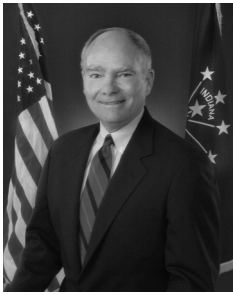
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Environmental Investment:
Increasing Your Rate of Return

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Dear Friends of the Environment:

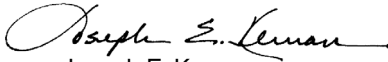
For 11 years, Hoosier community leaders have been gathering at this Conference on the Environment to discuss ways to make Indiana a cleaner, healthier place to live, work, and raise a family. Each discussion has had a similar premise, which I believe remains true today: it is only by working together on these common goals that we can achieve them.

This year we begin with another simple, but profound premise: that good environmental practices are good business practices. Throughout this conference, we are prepared to demonstrate how investing in Indiana's environment will increase the rate of return for big business, small business, teachers, students, environmental advocates, regulators and every living creature that draws a breath within our state lines.

Without a high quality environment, there can be no high quality of life – one of the key ingredients to a high quality economy. Our challenge is to provide a fair balance that enables Hoosier businesses to operate but that also enables Hoosiers to enjoy outdoor recreation today, tomorrow and for all the years to come.

For those of you who have become stalwart members of this conference, I look forward to hearing your insights at the conference. And for those of you still weighing a decision on whether to join us, I hope you decide to make this investment of your time – I assure you that it will be well spent.

Sincerely,


Joseph E. Kernan



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Samuel H. Wilson, M.D.
Deputy Director, NIEHS

Dr. Wilson is Deputy Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Wilson came to NIEHS in 1996, where he has worked to foster basic biomedical research and to promote disease prevention research. He has helped develop NIEHS' programs in genetic susceptibility, functional genomics, children's health, risk/exposure assessment, minority institutions' research, and research on health issues related to the U.S./Mexico border environment. Dr. Wilson has strengthened the partnerships between NIEHS and other federal agencies concerned with environmental health, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Department of Energy (DOE). He has also worked with the Institute of Medicine to develop broad-based discussions on issues relevant to environmental health, research, and medicine.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS October 30, 2003



8:00 - 9:00am Registration

9:00 - 9:15am Welcome

Director John Goss

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Commissioner Lori F. Kaplan

Indiana Department of
Environmental Management

9:15 - 10:00am Keynote Speaker

Samuel H. Wilson, M.D.

National Institute of
Environmental Health Sciences

10:00 - 10:30am Break Visit our exhibits!

10:30 - 11:30am Concurrent panel discussions

11:30am - 1pm Lunch

Governor's Awards for

Environmental Excellence

Recycling Fashion Show

1:00 - 1:15 pm Break for afternoon workshops

1:15 - 2:30 pm Concurrent Workshops

2:30 - 2:45 pm Break Visit our exhibits!

2:45 - 4:00 pm Concurrent Workshops (Repeated)

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Exotics and Invasives - The Economic Consequences of Introduced Species

Robert Waltz, PhD. State Entomologist; Gwen White, PhD. D.J. Case and Associates; Ellen Jacquart, The Nature Conservancy
Invasive species, including aquatics, are changing the landscape and impacting our livelihoods. Nuisance plants, animals and insects pose threats to our native species and our bottom line. Find out what the state is beginning to do about this issue and what citizens and business owners can do to minimize their risk.

Quality of Living - Infrastructure Amenities that Affect the Bottom Line

Eric Myers, Dir. Indiana Heritage Trust; Mary McConnell, The Nature Conservancy; Wm. Harrington, Pres. Hendricks Co. Pk Bd. (Invited)
Researchers throughout the country have found that greenspace, in the form of parks, trees, and natural areas foster a sense of place, and provides economic benefits to the community. Join us as this panel discusses how the protection of natural areas can be an economic development tool and an integral part of Indiana's infrastructure.

Health and Healthy places

Dr. Samuel Wilson, NIEHS; Dr. Helen Steussy, Henry County Memorial Hospital; Dr. Robert Teclaw, DVM, Ph.D., MPH State Epidemiologist
According to the Healthy People 2010 report, a healthy community is one that continuously creates and improves both its physical and social environments, helping people to support one another in aspects of daily life and to develop to their full potential. Healthy places are those designed and built to improve the quality of life for all people within their borders. Listen to the panel discuss how healthy places have an impact on our physical and mental health.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Affiliation _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Office) _____

Email _____

Registration and Exhibit Fee: Includes a fabulous Mediterranean buffet luncheon that will accommodate most dietary needs. Please return registration by Oct. 17, 2003.

_____ Registration fee @ \$25 per person.

_____ Exhibit fee @ \$60 each (Exhibit space, includes draped table and full conference registration for one)

_____ Total amount enclosed

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Please select the sessions you prefer to attend

AM Panel Discussions

- ☐ Exotics and Invasives
- ☐ Quality of Living
- ☐ Health and Healthy Places

PM Workshops (Select 2)

- ☐ Planting the Right Tree
- ☐ Education Sampler
- ☐ Exploring Fort Harrison
- ☐ Sustainable Communities
- ☐ Water Issues
- ☐ World Water Monitoring

Exhibit space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost for exhibit space is \$60.00. Please contact Susanna Arvin at IDNR, Division of Outdoor Recreation at (317)232-4070 or sarvin@dnr.state.in.us to reserve exhibit space or for additional information.



If you need reasonable modifications under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in the conference, please contact Emily Bartley at IDNR, Division of Outdoor Recreation at (317)232-4070, ebartley@dnr.state.in.us or at 402 West Washington St. Rm 271, Indianapolis, IN 46204 TT 1-800-743-3333.



WORKSHOPS

Planting the Right Tree in the Right Place the Right Way Take the mystery out of planting trees. Pam Louks, IDNR, Division of Forestry will discuss choosing good locations for planting trees, selecting the correct tree to fit the location, and how to properly plant trees.

Education Sampler Staff from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Education Center and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management will demonstrate examples of program activities. Join them as they present you with a round table sampling of award winning "train the trainer" and classroom activities.

Exploring Fort Harrison Explore the mitigated wetland project near the nature center at Fort Harrison with Jeannine Montgomery, the Fort Harrison Naturalist. You will also tour the historic Camp Glen site adjacent to the wetlands.

Sustainable Communities Sustainability is a state of mind and a way of life. Sustainable development offers real lasting solutions that will strengthen our future. It can help us create healthy communities that can sustain our generation, as well as those to come. These workshops will offer a few of the best examples of sustainable communities and how they have succeeded in their endeavors.

Water Issues Water is a most remarkable substance, however, it is often perceived to be pretty ordinary. It covers three-fourths of our planet's surface and constitutes 60-70% of the living world. Water regenerates and is redistributed through evaporation, making it seem endlessly renewable. So why worry? These workshops will discuss various issues as they relate to water in our environment - and how important it is to protect this vital resource.

World Water Monitoring Day World Water Monitoring Day is an international effort to draw attention to the issues that affect watersheds throughout the world. October 18, 2003 is the official world water monitoring day, however, participants to the Governor's Conference will be able to participate in this international event. Join the Riverwatch Crew in obtaining data that will be entered into a database in order to establish a baseline of information for future years.



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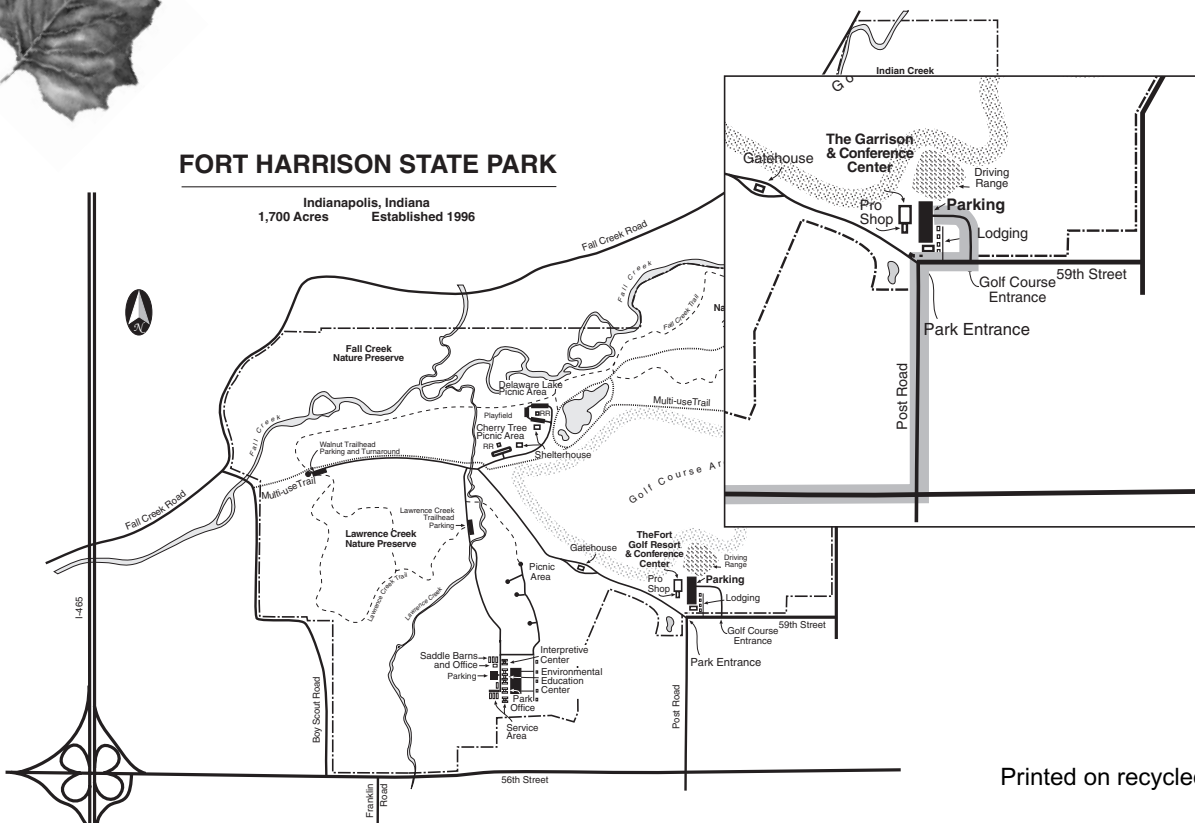


Who should attend?

Environmentalists, educators, local and state government officials, conservationists, environmental health professionals, community organizations, media, business, industry, and concerned citizens

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